

REMARKS

Amendments / Status of Claims

In this paper, claims 2, 4-6, 8-18, 28, 29, 32, 33, and 35 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 19 has been re-written into independent form. Claims 38-66 are new. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification, e.g., at Examples 668, 740, 772, 797, 802, 811, 819, 831, 839, 840, 957, 959, 963, 968, 969, 1119, 1121, 1143, 1144, 1034-1040, 1044-1050, 1056-1060, and 1083-1094.

After entry of the amendment, claims 19, 20 and 38-66 are pending in the instant application.

The title has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

No new matter has been added.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 19 and 20 were not rejected, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In the amendments herein, claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form; claim 20 is dependent upon claim 19. Applicants contend that claims 19 and 20 are in condition for allowance.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 USC §112

Claims 2, 4-6, 8-18, 28, 32, 33, and 35 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being allegedly indefinite. Furthermore, claims 2, 4-6, 8-18, 29, 32, 33, and 35 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph as allegedly lacking enablement.

Without agreeing with the rejections, and solely to expedite prosecution and allowance of the application, claims 2, 4-6, 8-18, 28, 32, 33, and 35 have all been cancelled. Applicants therefore submit that the rejections have been obviated. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is proper and such action is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 USC §102

Claims 2, 5, 6, and 33 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by the Bellec reference. Claims 2, 4-6, and 32 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by the Reddy reference. Furthermore, claims 2, 5, 6 and 35 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by the Tsuda reference. Finally, claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 11, 28, 29, 32, 33, and 35 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by the Atwal reference.

Without agreeing with the rejections, and solely to expedite prosecution and allowance of the application, each of the rejected claims has been cancelled. Applicants therefore submit that the rejections have been obviated. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is proper and such action is respectfully requested.

New claims 38-66 are patentable

New claims 38-66 are independent claims reciting compounds recited in claim 19, or salts or stereoisomers thereof. Claim 19 was not subject to any ground of rejection in the Office Action, and Applicants contend that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Although it is not believed that any extensions of time, or additional fees, are needed to consider this submission, Applicants request any extension of time necessary for consideration of this response, and the Examiner is hereby

authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

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